Losses of SAIL

*190. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has reported a net loss of Rs. 585 crroes in the third quarter of this year after a cash profit of Rs. 400 crores during 2000-01;

(b) whether after suffering huge losses, it was hoped that with last year's profit of Rs. 400 crores, SAIL has recoverd and was on the way up again; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction to the huge losses of SAIL building up again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had reported a cash profit of Rs. 414.96 crores for the year 2000-01. For the third quarter of 2001-02, it has posted a cash loss of Rs. 297 crores and a net loss of Rs. 585 crores.

(b) and (c) Government is closely monitoring the ongoing Financial and Business Restructuring Plan of SAIL so as to ensure that losses during this period of adverse market conditions and SAIL is restored to a path of profitability.

Dinning Cars in Trains

*191. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway propose to introduce the old system of attaching dinning cars to trains plying to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the trains selected for attaching dinning cars;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted to improve catering, by means of service through dinning cars;

(d) if so, the details of findings of such surveys; and

(e) the steps proposed to improve dinning and catering facilities on all long distance trains, plying to Andhra Pradesh?